

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Plain bearing shell (20) for supporting an engine crankshaft or camshaft, or as a connecting rod bearing shell of an engine, said plain bearing shell comprising a radially outward protruding holding projection (26) in the region of the separating surface (30) of the plain bearing shell, characterized in that the holding projection (26) merges continuously into the separating surface (30) of the bearing shell and is formed from the outside of the plain bearing shell using a stamping tool (36) by an approach in which, in the region of the separating surface (30), the stamping tool (36) compressively deforms the material on the outside of the plain bearing shell essentially tangentially relative to the plain bearing shell and in the direction of the separating surface (30), while a counter-holding means (32) is applied to the separating surface (30), to which means the formed material of the holding projection (26) extends.

2. (Currently Amended) Plain bearing shell (20) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the holding projection (26) projects radially 0.5 - 2 mm, especially 0.7 - 1.7 mm, beyond the outside of the plain bearing shell.

3. (Currently Amended) Method for producing a radially outward protruding holding projection (26) of a plain bearing shell (20) for supporting an engine crankshaft or camshaft or a connecting rod bearing shell of an engine, wherein the holding projection (26) is formed in the region of a separating surface (30) of the plain bearing shell (20), characterized in that a counter-holding means (32) having an essentially flat holding surface is held against the separating surface (30) of the plain bearing shell, that through the holding force in essentially the opposite direction material is deformed at the outside of the plain bearing shell compressively toward the separating surface (30), and thus radially outward as well.

4. (New) A plain bearing shell, comprising:

- an outer surface;

- a separating surface; and

- a holding projection that protrudes radially outward from the outer surface, a portion of which holding projection merges continuously into the separating surface, which holding projection is formed by compressively deforming material in the region of the outer surface in a direction that is substantially tangential to the outer surface and toward the separating surface.

5. (New) A method for producing a plain bearing shell having a radially outward protruding holding projection, comprising the steps of:

- providing a plain bearing shell having an outer surface and a separating surface;

- providing a counter-holding means having an essentially flat holding surface;

- holding the essentially flat holding surface of the counter-holding means against the separating surface; and

- deforming material of the plain shell bearing in the region of the outer surface, adjacent the separating surface, in a direction that is substantially tangential to the outer surface and toward the separating surface, to create the radially outward protruding holding projection.